

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 17, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 78

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit, La Suer, Maddox, and
Nunez)

April 21, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to the Bill Keene
Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 78, as amended, Cedillo. Bill Keene Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway
Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene
Interchange. The measure would also request the Department of
Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate ~~plaques~~ *signs* and
markers showing this designation ~~and, and to erect those signs and~~
markers upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that
cost, ~~to erect those plaques and markers plus a sign maintenance fee.~~

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Bill Keene was a traffic and weather reporter for
- 2 KNX Radio in Los Angeles from 1957 until his retirement in 1993;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene served in a similar capacity on
- 5 KNXT/Channel 2 and was part of the highly successful “The Big
- 6 News” with Jerry Dunphy and sports announcer Gil Stratton; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene was born on July 1, 1927, and started
- 8 his professional career in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, winning an

1 audition at his high school, and served in the United States Air
2 Force in World War II as a pilot; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene became interested in weather reporting
4 as a career after an unruly winter interrupted his private flying
5 lessons; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene worked at KBOL-Boulder and later
7 hosted the “Bill Keene Show” in Los Angeles, which was a local
8 variety show, where he met his future wife Louise Vienna; and

9 WHEREAS, In his traffic and weather-reporting days, Mr.
10 Keene made traffic reports more interesting by referring to
11 accidents with words like “cattywampus,” “chrome cruncher,”
12 and “paint peeler;” and

13 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate Mr. Keene’s
14 many years of service to the southland motorist by designating the
15 interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of
16 Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
19 hereby designates the interchange of State Highway Routes 101
20 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange;
21 and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
23 determine the cost of appropriate ~~plaques~~ *signs* and markers,
24 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway
25 system, showing this special designation ~~and~~, *and to erect those*
26 *signs and markers* upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
27 sufficient to cover that cost, ~~to erect those plaques plus a sign~~
28 *maintenance fee, as determined by the department, that does not*
29 *exceed 10 percent of the total cost of erecting the signs and*
30 *markers; and be it further*

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
32 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.